

Flood Unearths History Of Lyme Art Association

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OLD LYME — For the Lyme Art Association, whose lower galleries were seriously damaged in last month's flooding, the rainbow has indeed yielded a pot of gold.

Behind the gallery, in a storage shed tipped over by the flood waters, association members discovered historical records of the association dating back to 1902.

"We didn't know they existed," said Doris Jorgensen, an association member and sculptor. "They were in a soggy cardboard box."

For the past month, Jorgensen has been sifting through the box of newspaper clippings, accounting records, posters and other memorabilia to prepare for an exhibit she hopes may be ready sometime before summer's end.

Her task has not been easy. For two weeks her Shore Road home served as a drying rack for wet papers.

"We used our screens to spread them out and hung some on lines with clothespins," she said.

After two weeks the papers were dry enough to read, and bits of history began to emerge.

Among the old newspaper clippings is a 1917 article from the Boston Evening Transcript, which good-naturedly mocks the agricultural paintings that brought Old Lyme artists acclaim:

"I can't imagine ever wanting to put a full-length portrait of a cow right smack over the sofa in my parlor. In my judgment, the cow's place is not in the home. Yet they tell me that there's any number of people that won't rest happy till they've put a large brindle cow in a genuine gold leaf frame and stabled the critter in a Louis Quince drawing room," the article said.

A 1903 article from *The Courant* praised the association's annual exhibition, and called Old Lyme "a painter's town."

"The men and women paint, and the sheep and cattle exist for the sake of being painted . . . The town has been known as an ideal place for artists for some time, and its wind-swept pastures, winding roads and glimpses of the Sound have been the delight of artists these dozen years," the article stated.

One ledger shows association members contributed to the purchase of one of the town's most renowned portraits — that of Old Lyme art patron Florence Griswold holding a harp.

Though the papers are of varying historical importance, even a seemingly insignificant note from a contributor reflects the style of a bygone era:

"I hereby instruct the illustri-



DEBBIE BECKWITH PHOTO

Doris Jorgensen of the Lyme Art Association looks through clippings discovered in a shed during the cleanup from the June 6 flood.

ous treasurer pro tem — would that he be treasurer for all time — to take this \$100 note and cast it to the flames of the sea — thereby increasing the art gallery's assets by the sum of \$100. Long live the art gallery, long live

the treasurer pro tem, and long live myself. Here! Here! His hand and seal," wrote Harry L. Hoffman in 1920.

"At least something worthwhile has come from the flooding," Jorgensen said.

to the center also.

Smith, Milton and Mary Ann (Murphy), 1029 Old Colony Road, son, July 2.

EAST HAMPTON

• **Volunteer drivers** are needed to deliver hot, midday meals to the home bound elderly from Plus X Center between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Anyone interested who can spare one hour a day, any day of the week on a regular basis may contact Winnie Flannery, municipal agent, at 267-9955; Elsie Squier at 267-2827 (from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. any weekday), or Sandra Dudley at 347-4465, Ext. 32.

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Fidgor, John J. Francis, Elizabeth J. Pilis, Lynne E. Rowley, Donald S. Cleary, Margaret E. Gallen, Peter Odryna, Richard R. Shultz, Kenneth E. Wetmore, Mark H. Hale, Kathleen R. Hardesty, Ruth E. Miller, Rebecca L. Milligan and Judith A. Parrella; from Guilford, Robert Armstrong, Carolyn J. Goulet, Daniel T. McGuire, Steven C. Sibley, Serena L. Wilson, Michele A. Keszycki, Susan D. Koch, Michael C. Ruotolo and Charles D. Mitchell; from Haddam, Michael W. Baron, Timothy S. Beach, Olof C. Berquist, Karen S. Kemp, James D. Brassard and Arthur W. Larm; from Hampton, Steven B. Church, Nicholas Yanouzas and Eleni Yanouzas;

• **Karen E. Wall** of 56 Colchester Ave. has made the Dean's list for the spring semester at Becker Junior College, Leicester, Mass.

GLASTONBURY

• The following residents made the dean's list for the spring term at the University of Connecticut: **Ann-Marie Casella** of 66 Quarry Road, **Donna L. Gilnock** of 1925 Manchester Road, **Margaret Gutt** of 276 Addison Road, **Kathleen A. Teveris** of 141 Wassuc Road and **Michael B. Burgan** of 450 Matson Hill Road, both of South Glastonbury. **Donna L. DeRosa** of 67 Granite Road, **Anita M. Love** of 29 Benton

• **Karen L. Neumeister** of 150 Ship-

MIDDLETOWN

Bonalsky, Leonard and Carol (Kilmer), 35 Rising Trail Drive, daughter, June 28

Cilley, Kenneth and Catherine (Covett), 66 Ridge Road, daughter, June 29.

Fagan, Mark and Elaine (Dion), 135 Mt. Vernon Street, daughter, July 1.

Goodwin, Jeffrey, and Louise (To bias), 600 Wadsworth Street, son, June 29.

Kaiser, Jay and Pamela, 66 Meadowwood Drive, daughter, June 29.

Pitruzzello, Salvatore and Janet (Smollen), 509 Butternut Street, daughter, June 28.

Revelle, Joseph and Theresa (Astromowicz), 199 Plaza Drive, daughter, June 25.

Root, Bruce and Senta (Bahr), 18 Peachtree Lane, son, July 3.

Salafia, Joseph and Gail (Brain), 56 Garfield Avenue, daughter, June 28.

Wilson, Gregory and Anne (Bogoff), 972 Bartholomew Road, son, June 24.

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OLD SAYBROOK

Harmon, James and Dyan (Oeschger), 24 Maple Avenue, daughter, June 26

Pedinelli, James and Nancy (Antone), 2 College St., daughter, June 24
White, Cisco and Cynthia (Bolden), 17 Sunset Ave., son, June 26

WESTBROOK

Jones, David and Jennie (Atwood), 938 Boston Post Road, son, June 22

Mount Sinai Hospital

CROMWELL

Macko, Glen and Kathy (Gesek), 6 Court Place, son, July 5.

EAST HAMPTON

Lorenzan, Paul and Miranda (Michaud), 295 Young St., son, June 30.

MIDDLETOWN

Mills, Patrick and Maura (Walsh), 94 Plains Road, daughter, July 1.

IN THE SERVICE

EAST LYME

• **Airman Timothy R. Yuhas**, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Yuhas of 11 Mill Road, has been assigned to Chanute Air Force Base, Ill. after completing basic training. He now will be trained in the fire prevention field.

GROTON

• **Capt. Ralph Tindal** has relinquished command of the submarine USS Dace (SSN 607) to **Cmdr. William Glover** in ceremonies held recently at the U.S. Naval Submarine Base in Groton. Tindal will report to the Trident submarine USS Rhode Island, as prospective commanding officer of that ship's Blue Crew.

RELIGION NEWS

DURHAM

• **Church of the Epiphany**, Route 17, will conduct its annual chicken barbecue Wednesday on the church grounds. Take-out orders are available. The cost: \$4.75 for adults; \$2.50 for children under 12. Reservations are advised. Call Mrs. Edward Peetz, 349-3968, or Mrs. Frances Frye, 349-3042.

ESSEX

• A Chicken Bar-b-que will be at **Ivoryton Congregational Church** from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Saturday. Take-out is available and the cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12 years of age.

PLAINVILLE

• Major W. Ian Thomas of London will address the **Forestate Bible Conference** at the Plainville Camp Grounds July 24-30. The opening rally will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. A children's hour will be conducted July 26-30 at 10 a.m.

St. Danielson 06239 until July 30 at 2 p.m. for furnishing one current model heavy-duty, self-propelled asphalt paver, at which time and place the bids will be opened and read. Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes clearly marked "paver." The Town of Killingly reserves the right to reject bids and waive informalities.

• The Parks and Recreation Department Community Theater will present "The Man of La Mancha" at the Killingly High School auditorium July 29, 30 and 31 at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the Trink-et Shoppe at Fillmore's and at the door, adults \$3, children and senior citizens, \$2.

LEDYARD

• A day trip for teens tubing on the Farmington River will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 21. The trip is one of a series sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department.

MIDDLETOWN

• Veterans Memorial Pool will be open for **public swimming** from noon to 5:30 p.m. The pool will close at 5:30 and reopen from 6-8 p.m. Only those 18 and above and children accompanied by an adult may use the pool from 6-8 p.m. and they must be Middletown residents.

• Several city lifeguards recently completed a course in **cardiopulmonary resuscitation** conducted by Lt. George Dunn of the Middletown Fire

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